

Application No. 10/802,385  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [29a] with that shown below. Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by strikethroughs.

[29a] As shown, for example, in Fig. 3, the aperture or articulation space 31 is the space within which an engaging track 4 of another slat is received to form rolling shutter 20. As shown, for example, in Fig. 3, the aperture 31 is defined by a plurality of surfaces defining a discontiguous articulating surface 27, a straight articulating surface 26 being the interior surface of guard 9 (which may be considered a portion of first articulating surface 32) and an interior articulating surface 39 of lip 8. Discontiguous articulating surface 27 comprises a first articulating surface 32 spaced apart at adjacent ends and separated by a gap 38 from a second articulating surface 33. The gap 38 is the space between shoulders 11 defined by the junction of the receptacle 10 and the first and second articulating surfaces 32, 33. The shoulders 11 are spaced apart by a displacement 358. In the illustrated embodiment, the receptacle 10 is configured for receipt of the threads of a screw 22 (Fig. 7) therein to attach a guide to the slat 1. Thus, receptacle has a partial circular profile defined by a curved wall 350 extending along an arc 354 having a radius of curvature 352. In order to retain the threaded shaft of the screw 22 in the receptacle 10, the curved wall 350 ~~may~~must extend more than 180 degrees along the arc 354. Preferably, receptacle 10 opens into and is in communication through gap 38 with articulation space 31 facilitating formation of the slat 1 utilizing extrusion, and thus, curved wall 350 extends less than 360 degrees about the arc 354.